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837th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion (Terminal)

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Commander's Corner

LTC James E. Brundage
Battalion Commander

The last quarter of calendar year 2003 provided us with many opportunities to work hard and play hard. We did both of these in the finest traditions of the *Kargo Kings* family.

We moved ammo containers, loaded and unloaded ships, and hosted 4 Navy warships; yet still found time to field a champion soccer team, host an orphanage Christmas party, and conduct our own peninsula famous Christmas social at the world-class Paradise Hotel in Haeundae beach.

We also received and trained on three Early Entry Deployment Support Kits to support our foray into providing In-transit Visibility (ITV) for the Korean theater distribution system. Working closely with the theater's Distribution Management Center and the 25th Movement Control Battalion, we are spearheading the effort to engage the distribution process and define our role in theater as MTMC changes to SDDC.

As always, these are exciting times on the peninsula, and the *Kargo Kings* are up to the challenge!

"There is no limit to the amount of goodness you can do in the world if you don't care who gets credit for a good idea."

GEN Creighton Abrams, CSA



Kargo Kings soccer team. Area IV Champions, 2003 season.

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SGM Corner

SGM Jeffrey E. Skinner
Battalion Sergeant Major

Hello again. We have been blessed with a very fruitful and safe 2003. The holiday season provided great opportunities for fellowship within the unit. Many *Kargo Kings* also took time off during the holidays and vacationed in Korea or returned to the states to spend time with family.

This quarter was also by marked several significant achievements in training. We qualified 100% of our soldiers on the M16 rifle and M9mm pistol ranges. We also had a 100% pass rate on our APFT.

Great work *Kargo Kings*! My thanks to all of you and your families for making the 837th Transportation Battalion a great place to be a soldier.



The command team visits the HSV WESTPAC prior to redeployment on 14 Nov 03.



DST ON PENINSULA/ OFF PENINSULA EXERCISE SUPPORT

MAJ Courtney R. Brooks, Bn S3/Operations Officer

3 Oct	HSV WESTPAC/III MEF Flag Exchange 300 pax Deployment to Pohang, DST OIC CPT(P) Brooks
6 - 19 Oct	CROC 03 Redeployment Augmentation Support to the 599 th Transportation Group DST; 904 pieces of equipment loaded, DST members, SFC King and SSG Bartell
9 - 10 Oct	Central ID Lab Hawaii (CILHI) Support via the Trade Fortune to sustain MIA/POW search operations in North Korea, OIC, Mr. Blake
13 Nov	MV Green Point RORO operations at Pier 8; 44 pieces of equipment discharged; 11 pieces of equipment loaded, OIC, Mr Rice
26 Oct - 10 Nov	III MEF Flag Exchange of pre-positioned stocks from the SS Kocak to the MV Philips; 1800 pieces of equipment exchanged, DST OIC, CPT(P) Brooks
14 Nov	HSV WESTPAC/III MEF Flag Exchange 300 pax Redeployment from Pier 8, DST OIC CPT(P) Brooks
14 Nov - 10 Dec	Chinhae Ammunition Retrograde via the Maersk Arizona; 661 containers loaded, DST OIC, SFC Sprague
17 Nov - 20 Nov	"Kargo Sprit" Battalion Deployment Exercise at Chinhae, OIC, CPT(P) Brooks
22 Dec	MV Green Point RORO operations at Pier 8; 73 pieces of equipment discharged; 3 pieces of equipment loaded, OIC, Mr Rice



The MV Philips 90% loaded at Chinhae.

Our "Kargo Spirit" Exercise offered opportunities for detailed planning...



... and intense NBC training.

The 837th Transportation Battalion continues its role as "USFK's Power Projection Platform" as our soldiers maintain their MOS proficiency and continue to be strategic assets for MTMC. This quarter we committed our soldier and civilian work force in support of eight operations in the PACOM AOR.

In October and November, we deployed a four-man DST coordination cell to Chinhae to act as Korean port operations liaisons to the ROK Army Port

Operations Group in support of the III MEF Flag Exchange. The Flag Exchange is a Military Sealift Command (MSC) maritime prepositioning operation of ground combat equipment aboard ships at sea. During this Flag exchange the MV Phillips exchanged 1800 items including 680-wheeled combat vehicles, tanks, 260 containers of ammunition, tools and spare parts to the SS Kocak.

Kosovo/Bosnia HMMWV Load Out

SSG Mark Jackson - Cargo Distribution NCO

A recent Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) directive to Eight US Army (EUSA) to redistribute 75 M1025 and M1026 up-armored HMMWVs from Korea to Bosnia and Kosovo allowed the *Kargo Kings* an excellent opportunity to execute Intransit Visibility (ITV) initiatives of the Commander, 599th Transportation Group. Upon receiving the HMMWV redistribution directive, EUSA planners contacted the 837th Transportation Battalion for vessel booking, documentation processing and port outload operations for the HMMWVs.

The HMMWVs were shipped from Camp Carroll, vicinity Weagwan to Pier 8 via rail car on 1 De-

cember 2003. On 3 December 2003, the 837th Transportation Battalion completed the contain-erization and RF tagging of the HMMWVs. On 4 December 2003, all 75 HMMWVs departed the Port of Pusan in 38 shipping containers for Bosnia (38) and Kosovo (37) aboard the vessel SL Washington.

In preparation for the commander's ITV initiatives and the HMMWV redistribution, on 25 November 2003, Battalion personnel received Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) training from the 19th Theater Support Command (TSC), Distribution Management Center (DMC) and Unisys Corporation representatives. The training consisted of an overview of the capabilities of the RFID fixed interrogators, remote interrogators, an interactive internet tour of the WEB site emphasizing the information access process and practical training on writing/reading RF tags was also provided. The Battalion also received three Early Entry Deployment Support Kits (EEDSK) to write/read RF tags at Pier 8 and other locations in our area of responsibility (AOR).

Mr. Blake, TCD Chief and Mr. Bright, an Intern check RF tags before placing them on HMMWVs.



Cargo Checkers from the International Stevedore Company (ISC) prepare HMMWVs for shipment.

Kargo Kings Receive Carry-away Systems

Mr. Johnny McCorvey - Acting Chief, IMO

Visibility of distribution within the Defense Transportation System (DTS) is a continuously increasing priority for commanders at all levels in US TRANSCOM and MTMC. The most recent challenge for personnel in IMO was acquiring the systems In-transit Visibility (ITV) know-how to employ Early Entry Deployment Support Kits (EEDSK) or “carry-away systems” in the 837th Transportation Battalion.

We began the process by receiving a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) overview from the 19th Theater Support Command (TSC), Distribution Management Center (DMC) and Unisys Corporation representatives at Pier 8. Unisys contractors provided training on how to set up a workstation to utilize the TIPS 3 read/write and SAVI-TOOLS software. Within days of providing the orientation and training, 19th TSC provided us an EEDSK system, allowing us to manipulate and establish proficiency with the kits.

We pursued redundancy to ensure we achieved a thorough understanding of the EEDSK system, by



Remote interrogators provide flexible RFID capability via the EEDSK system.

attending two additional training sessions provided by 19th TSC in the Deagu area. MTMC resourced us with two EEDSK systems, giving us a total of three. I'd like to thank the 19th TSC and the Unisys Corporation, we couldn't have got “there” without their assistance.

RF/AIT HARDWARE COMPONENTS



RF Tag - 128k

- Combination Computer, Memory, Controller & Two-Way Radio
- Two-Way Communications / Data Transfer Occurs Between Tag & Interrogators 3 x faster
- Can be Mounted on containers / Vehicles / etc.
- Database Search Engine



Fixed Interrogator

- Multiple Tag Environment
- Temporary/Permanent Install.
- Repeater Capability for Use in Parallel or Series Applications
- Tag Write, Read and Choke 3 x faster

Introduction to Supply

Mr. Kim, Chang-tong - Supply Specialist

In supply, our motto is “DOA to PCS/ETS”, which means we sustain all soldiers from their date of arrival to their permanent change of station or expiration term of service as it applies to our KATUSAs. We also take care of the staff. Essentially, we outfit the *Kargo Kings* with everything from ballpoint pens to bulletproof vests.

A unique feature of the supply section is, there are no US military or DA civilian workers. The section is supervised by a Korean National (KN) employee. The section is rounded out by another KN employee (supply tech) and two KATUSA soldiers (supply clerks). The Battalion Administrative Officer and Executive Officer provide a lot of assistance and guidance to help us execute our duties.

In Nov 03, we received a staff assistance (SAV) visit from the 19th Theater Support Command (TSC) combat service support automation (CSSAMO) specialist. The CSSAMO rep purged our ULLS-S4 box,

installed the current software change package (SCP) and installed the Battalion's property book data file. We've requested to be added to 19th TSC's basis of issue plan (BOIP) for future SCP updates. The visit was an overwhelming success. We are working a coordination for a command supply discipline program (CSDP) SAV by the 19th TSC for the near future.

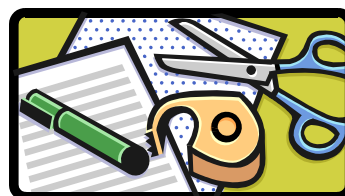
As the *Kargo Kings* remain engaged, supporting the armed forces at Pier 8, throughout the peninsula and worldwide, we are very busy supporting the *Kargo Kings*. That's who we are and what we do.



Mr. Kim, Chang-tong inputs data into ULLS-S4 with help from the KATUSA soldier staff.



PFC Jang, Hyung-jun and PVT Jo, Seung-joon conduct inventory.



Kargo Kings Family Readiness Group

POC: Mrs. Caroline Brundage

As the pace of operations slowed for the holiday season, it was a pleasure to see many of you at the various events and occasions in and around the community. For those who traveled, we are happy for your safe return.



On Thanksgiving Day LTC Brundage (right) serves food, MAJ Nixon (left) thinks about eating.

Your contributions were greatly appreciated via participation or support of: 1) the FRG breakfast; 2) the Camp Hialeah DFAC Thanksgiving Day meal; 3) the Thanksgiving Day social at our home; 4) the Yangsan Orphanage Christmas Party; 5) the Battalion Christmas Party at the Paradise Hotel. Your support and partici-

pation will always be valued by LTC Brundage and me.

This quarter we welcomed:

- Mr Barron Henry
- SSG Jon Bruce
- SSG Mark Jackson
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Our Senior KATUSA, SGT Lee exchanges greetings with SGM Skinner at the Brundage's Thanksgiving Dessert Social.

• This quarter we bid farewell to:

- SSG Clayton Reeves, PCS'd to Ft Belvoir, VA; SSG(P) Tommie Jones, PCS'd to Ft Eustis, VA.

The goal for meeting frequency for the FRG is once every quarter. The FRG will continue to reach out to you primarily through the mail between meetings. Thank you. Please continue your outstanding support.

Kids play pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey at the Christmas Party on 6 Dec 04.

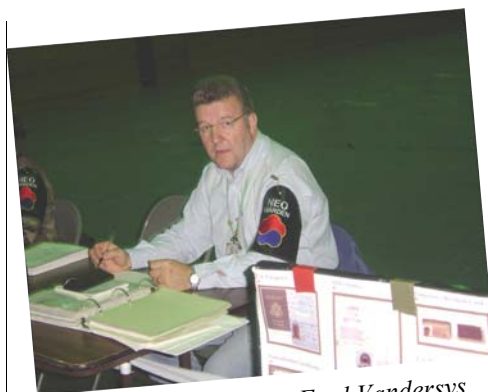


Base Defense and NEO at Camp Hialeah

Mr. Fred A. Vandersys - Transportation Planner

Exercise planning coordination and Non-combatant Evacuations Operations (NEO) Coordinator are responsibilities fulfilled by the 837th Transportation Battalion Plans Officer as primary and additional duties respectfully. During first quarter FY04 the Plans Officer had the opportunity to execute these responsibilities during the Camp Hialeah Base Defense and NEO exercises.

The Cdr, 20th Support Group conducted a Base Defense Exercise, 8-10 October 2003 at Camp Hialeah. The purpose of the exercise was to validate the camp's perimeter defense and ability to react to and deter a level II threat. All Camp Hialeah tenant units, to include the 837th Transportation Battalion, participated in the exercise. While the majority of the unit did not participate due to our mission and level of manning, our Plans Officer participated in the command post (CP) portion of the exercise, providing updates on the *Kargo Kings* strength, current activities and force protection posture during



Unit NEO Warden, Mr. Fred Vandersys.



shift changes in the emergency operations center (EOC).

US Forces Korea conducted Courageous Channel, the peninsula NEO exercise, 23-24 October 2003. The intent of Courageous Channel is to register and report 100% of all Department of Defense non-combatant population to the Joint Task Force (JTF) NEO HQs. The exercise alerts, assembles and registers each non-combatant evacuee utilizing the NEO Tracking System (NTS) located at the Evacuation Control Center (ECC) Camp Hialeah. All NEO packets are screened and non-combatants are relocated which is simulated by moving NEO bracelets from station to station. The *Kargo Kings* achieved 100% accountability of all non-combatant evacuees within the first three hours of the exercise.



Korean National Police (KNPs) provide Base Defense augmentation at all U.S. military installations in Korea.

VIP Visits, Unit Visits & Ship Visits

MAJ James M. Nixon - Executive Officer

1 - 4 Oct	<i>USNS Bruce C. Heezen, MSC Research Vessel port call</i>
4 - 5 Oct	<i>MV Tern port call</i>
8 Oct	<i>XVIII Airborne Corps Deployment Contingency Planning Team</i>
15 Oct	<i>Customer Service Seminar at Pier 8 w/ DECA, AAFES, EUSA G4, 19th TSC, DMC and IMA KORO</i>
21 Oct	<i>BG MacDonald, Cdr IMA KORO, subordinate Cdr's and staff</i>
21 - 25 Oct	<i>USS Cowpens port call</i>
30 - 31 Oct	<i>GAO AA&E Audit Team</i>
29 Oct	<i>GEN LaPorte visits III MEF Flag Exchange Support at Chinhae</i>
4 - 8 Nov	<i>Indian Navy Vessels Ranjit, Kulish and Jyoti port call</i>
19 Nov	<i>158th S&S Battalion (Wartraced to 20th ASG) Cdr and staff</i>
27 Nov - 1 Dec	<i>USS Cushing port call</i>
4 - 8 Dec	<i>USS Curtis Wilbur port call</i>
5 Dec	<i>COL Palmer, DCO 1st COSCOM and staff</i>

First quarter, fiscal year 2004 was very enterprising for the *Kargo Kings*. We remained active during the holidays as we hosted many visits from warfighters, subordinate commanders and members of their staffs. With each visit, we provided our armistice single port management overview, our contingency operations overview and the capabilities of SPOD/Es in Pusan and throughout the KTO.

Events such as the XVIII Airborne Corps Deployment Exercise, the Customer Service Seminar and



Indian Navy vessel Jyoti along side Pier 8 in Nov 03.



LTC Brundage and Mr. Rice give their undivided attention to comments from the GAO AA&E audit team.

the GAO AA&E Audit allowed us to demonstrate our professionalism and expertise as single port managers, while simultaneously assisting military units and governmental organizations in understanding the mission of the 837th Transportation Battalion.

This quarter had the privilege of using Pier 8 as a platform for R&R port calls for eight US Navy and international vessels - the most this year!

KATUSA PERSPECTIVE

By SGT Yi, Jong-keun

Senior KATUSA

This quarter had many events that we could enjoy as members of 837th Transportation Battalion. At first, there was a soccer season. Even though it was freezing outside, we got through the tough matches at Custer Field. Our team was made up of mostly KATUSAs and US military from the *Kargo Kings* but we also had members from other small units on Camp Hialeah. Though it was the first time to play together, our teamwork was really good and we won the Area IV championship. We did not compete in the EUSA championship tournament due to mission support requirements, however, we grabbed each other's shoulder and hugged with the joy that we did our best!

Next, we went to the Camp Carroll for the M-16 Range. Most of our KATUSAs passed zeroing on the first go. But, when we did M-16 qualification, many rifles malfunctioned. However, all KATUSAs passed M-16 qualification and CPL Jang got 38, which means he's an expert with his weapon.

APFT was important for everyone. Not only it is a big tough test but also it shows how we have been improved our condition and disciplined. The result of the APFT was great. Four KATUSAs got an APFT badge for scoring above 270. CPL Park and PFC Kim got the perfect score of 300. The unit average was 272.58.

Everyone pushed themselves really hard in Nov 03 at the Kargo Spirit Exercise in Chinhae. We learned how to survive in a contaminated area by using chemical equipment such as M256A1 kit and M8 paper. Also, we exercised our work roles if the real war happened.

In Dec 03 we had a Christmas Party with kids from the Yangsan Orphanage. It was a good experience for all of our KATUSAs. The party was excellent and the kids had fun. It always makes us smile whenever we think about the children who would be happy by our party. After that, we celebrated our Christmas Party at the Paradise Hotel. All the

Kargo Kings had a great time remembering the happy times of 2003 and also wishing each other better days in 2004. All of our KATUSAs will keep these great memories forever.



KATUSA soldiers of the 837th Transportation Battalion while participating in the unit Christmas Gala.

**Retirement
Mr. Kim, Si-ehg**



Mr. Kim receives a Certificate of Retirement from LTC Brundage.

**Promotion Ceremony
MAJ Courtney R. Brooks
1 December 2003**



Newly promoted MAJ Brooks with his wife Jen and son Darien.

Awards Presentation



COL Lee, Kye-sung, Commander, ROK POG, presents a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Day.

**Orphanage Christmas Party
6 December 2003
Religious Education Center**



Santa greets each child from the Yangsan Orphanage.



A clown makes artistic figure balloons for children.

**United Seamen's Club
Adjacent to Pier 8**



The excellent staff at the United Seamen's Club prepare many hearty meals for the Kargo Kings.

**Pier 8 Security Guards
24 Hr Security and
Access Control**



Pier 8 security guards are proficient, professional and courteous.

**Battalion Christmas Gala
Paradise Beach Hotel
12 December 2003**



LTC Brundage makes remarks.



KATUSA soldiers "boogie down" with Santa Claus.

Marks of Excellence

ARCOM

SSG Clayton E. Reeves, Training NCO, Terminal OPS
SSG Tommie L. Jones II, NCOIC, Cargo Distribution

AAM

SGT Kim, Tae-woo, Trans Clerk, Cargo Distribution

837th Trans Bn's Senior System Employee of the 1st Qtr, FY 04

Mr. Mark Rice, Chief, Terminal Operations

837th Trans Bn's Base System Employee of the 1st Qtr, FY 04

Ms. Im, Chi-yon, Admin Spec, CMD & SPT

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Mr. Kim, Si-chae, Trans Ass't, Cargo Distribution

Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. Major J. Blake, Chief, Cargo Distribution

Certificate of Achievement on Army Physical Fitness Test

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>
CPL	Park, Jin-man	300
PVT	Kim, Woo-jin	300
PVT	Lee, Sung-ho	296
CPT	James-Henry, Sabrina	293
PVT	Hwang, Dae-young	289



Kargo Kings on the "pitch" at Custer Field, Camp Hialeah.



Port clearance occurs within 48 hrs of cargo arriving at the port in Pusan and throughout the KTO.

***"When there's no more grease, the squeaky wheel gets replaced."
- LTC James E. Brundage -***